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Radio Hanoi Broadcast

Javits Gets CIA-Made Tape of Clark

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A spokesman for the Central Intelligence Agency said yesterday that the CIA had given Sen. Jacob K. Javits (R-N.Y.) tapes of Radio Hanoi broadcasts it monitored during former U.S. Attorney General Ramsey Clark's 1972 trip to North Vietnam.

Javits, who is running for re-election against Clark, the Democratic senatorial candidate, announced yesterday that he plans to make Clark's Hanoi trip a campaign issue.

The CIA spokesman said the agency was "obligated to supply copies of the tapes under the Freedom of Information Act," since the tapes are not classified.

Javits' request for the tapes was received at CIA headquarters Oct. 11. Copies of the tapes, which run about 45 minutes, were sent to Javits' campaign manager Oct. 21. A covering letter from CIA Director William Colby noted that the tapes were unclassified, and therefore available to anyone.

The CIA notified Clark of the Javits request "as a courtesy," the spokesman said, noting that this is a customary procedure whenever the agency provides information from a U.S. citizen obtained from a monitored foreign broadcast.

The spokesman added that the CIA normally provides copies of transcripts rather than tapes through the Foreign Broadcast Information Service, but that Javits' request was not unique. He said he did not know whether a senator or a congressman had ever gotten a tape from the CIA for use in a political campaign, but insisted that "they're public property. The fact that it's related to political campaigning is not relevant."

Clark has denounced Javits' move as an attempt to involve the CIA in domestic politics. During his August, 1972, trip to North Vietnam, Clark reported seeing widespread destruction of civilian areas caused by American bombing, which he condemned.

Clark declined to give a formal interview to Radio Hanoi, but some of his impromptu remarks apparently were recorded and later broadcast.

A spokesman for Javits said last night that Javits initially got transcripts of the broadcast from the Library of Congress and that the library had referred Javits to the CIA to get the actual tapes. Peter Teeley, a Javits press aide, said the senator had not yet had a chance to listen to the tapes, and was reserving judgment.

Clark, meanwhile, accused Javits of "a cheap theatrical trick." A spokesman said Clark has also obtained copies of the tapes and will release them today in an effort to lay the matter to rest.

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Eckerd did receive an endorsement last week from the Florida League of Conservation Voters, a coalition of environmental activists, after the group had met with both Eckerd and Stone to discuss conservation issues.

Some organizers claim they have support from all major opponents, liberal and conservative, whom Stone defeated in the Democratic primary for Senate earlier this year. Eckerd workers say that support is fractured and lukewarm, and some key workers for moderate and conservative opponents have joined Eckerd's campaign.

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